



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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Director of Animal Care and Control

At its meeting held May 18, 2004, during discussion of the 2004-05 Proposed Budget (Agenda Item S-2), the Board took the following action:

Supervisor Antonovich made the following statement:

“As part of the budget reduction process, the Department of Animal Care and Control has suggested that the Castaic Shelter may have to be closed. The Department has stated that the animals from the Castaic Shelter would be housed in the Lancaster Shelter. The Lancaster Shelter is approximately 60 miles away from the Santa Clarita Valley. Castaic has one of the highest adoption rates in the County's animal care system. The Castaic Shelter provides an important service to the Santa Clarita Valley. While I understand that budget reductions are necessary, it is important that the Department evaluate options other than closing the shelter. Alternatives could include the increased use of volunteers, reduced hours, and increased fundraising efforts.”

Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Antonovich, and by common consent, there being no objection, the Board directed the Director of Animal Care and Control to report back to the Board during Budget Deliberations, scheduled to commence on June 21, 2004, regarding alternative solutions to keep the Castaic Animal Shelter from completely closing, with alternatives to include the increased use of volunteers, reduced hours, and fundraising efforts.

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c: Each Supervisor
Chief Administrative Officer
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